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***"AN ACT CONCERNING THE RECOMMENDATIONS BY THE  
LEGISLATIVE COMMISSIONERS FOR TECHNICAL REVISIONS TO  
EDUCATION STATUTES."***

1 After the last section, add the following and renumber sections and  
2 internal references accordingly:

3 "Sec. 501. Subsection (a) of section 10-47b of the general statutes is  
4 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*  
5 *1, 2008*):

6 (a) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section, any regional  
7 school district which does not include all elementary and secondary  
8 grades may add or withdraw grades in accordance with the provisions  
9 of subdivision (1) or (2) of this section.

10 (1) Any regional board of education in a school district which does  
11 not include all elementary and secondary school grades may  
12 recommend a study of the advisability of the addition to or  
13 withdrawal of grades from the regional school district or, upon the

14 request of two or more of the town boards of education of the member  
15 towns, shall recommend such a study to the chairmen of the town  
16 boards of education and chairmen of the boards of finance or other  
17 such fiscal authorities in each town affected. Within thirty days of  
18 receipt of such recommendation, such chairmen shall each appoint one  
19 of the members of their boards and the chairman of the regional board  
20 of education shall appoint one member of the regional board from each  
21 member town to a study committee. The Commissioner of Education  
22 shall appoint a consultant to the study committee. The study  
23 committee shall proceed in the same manner as the temporary regional  
24 school study committee except that the expenses of the committee shall  
25 be borne by the regional school district and shall not exceed three  
26 dollars times the number of pupils in average daily membership of  
27 such town and regional school districts as defined in section 10-261  
28 and the committee shall submit its report to the participating towns no  
29 later than one year from the date of its organizational meeting. If the  
30 committee recommends a plan for addition to or withdrawal of grades  
31 from the regional school district and the referenda held in the manner  
32 provided in section 10-45, as amended by this act, result in an  
33 affirmative vote in the regional school district as a whole, the  
34 participating towns shall implement the plan.

35 (2) Any regional board of education in a school district which does  
36 not include all elementary and secondary school grades may  
37 recommend and develop a plan for the addition to or withdrawal of  
38 grades from the regional school district or, upon the request of two or  
39 more of the town boards of education of the member towns, may make  
40 such recommendation and develop such a plan. If the regional board  
41 of education recommends a plan for addition to or withdrawal of  
42 grades from the regional school district, referenda shall be held in the  
43 manner provided in section 10-45, as amended by this act. If such  
44 referenda results in an affirmative vote in the regional school district as  
45 a whole, the participating towns shall implement the plan.

46 Sec. 502. Subsection (a) of section 10-45 of the general statutes is  
47 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*

48 1, 2008):

49 (a) Upon receipt of a copy of the certificate of approval, the  
50 committee shall set the day on which referenda shall be held  
51 simultaneously in each of the participating towns to determine  
52 whether a regional school district shall be established as  
53 recommended. Such referenda shall be held between forty-five and  
54 ninety days from the date of such approval. In the case of a  
55 recommendation from a study committee or a regional board of  
56 education to add or withdraw grades from the regional school district  
57 pursuant to the provisions of subsection (a) of section 10-47b, as  
58 amended by this act, such referenda shall be held between forty-five  
59 and ninety days from the date of such recommendation. The  
60 committee or regional board of education shall immediately notify the  
61 town clerk in each participating town of its decision. Upon receipt of  
62 such notice, the town clerk shall file the notice required by section 9-  
63 369a. The warning of such referenda shall be published, the vote taken  
64 and the results thereof canvassed and declared in the same manner as  
65 is provided for the election of officers of a town. The town clerk of each  
66 participating town shall certify the results of the referendum to the  
67 State Board of Education.

68 (b) The vote on the question shall be taken by a "yes" and "no" vote  
69 on the voting machine and the designation of the question on the  
70 voting machine ballot label shall be "Shall a regional school district be  
71 established in accordance with the plan approved by the State Board of  
72 Education on .... (date)?" and the label used shall conform with the  
73 provisions of section 9-250 of the 2008 supplement to the general  
74 statutes. If the majority of the votes in each of the participating towns  
75 is affirmative, a regional school district composed of such towns is  
76 established and shall be numbered in accordance with the order of the  
77 incorporation of the districts.

78 (c) If the majority vote of one or more of such towns is negative, the  
79 committee or, in the case of a study committee's or a regional board of  
80 education's recommendation to add or withdraw grades from the

81 regional school district pursuant to the provisions of subsection (a) of  
82 section 10-47b, as amended by this act, the regional board of education  
83 shall determine the advisability of immediately submitting the  
84 question to referendum a second time. If the committee or regional  
85 board of education so recommends, [it] the committee or board shall  
86 notify the town clerk in each participating town of its decision. Within  
87 thirty days after receipt of such notice, the legislative body of the town  
88 shall meet to act upon the committee or board recommendation. If the  
89 legislative body in each of the participating towns accepts the  
90 recommendation, a second referendum shall be held in each  
91 participating town in accordance with the provisions of this section. If  
92 the majority of votes cast in each town is affirmative, the regional  
93 school district is established and numbered accordingly or grades are  
94 added to or withdrawn from the regional school district, as  
95 applicable."